

Mayor and OAPIA News



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OAPIA NEWSLETTER

State of the District Address



Mayor Williams gives his State of the District Address on March 21, 2005 at the legendary Lincoln Theater.

On March 21st, Mayor Williams delivered his annual State of the District Address at the Lincoln Theater on U Street, NW. In his speech entitled "Lifting All Communities," Mayor Williams referred to the upcoming launch of the "New Communities" initiative which will transform the city's most distressed neighborhoods, starting with the Sursum Corda neighborhood and three others.

Mayor Williams also called for the Council to approve his budget which includes nearly \$100 million in tax reductions -- nearly half of which are progressive tax cuts and credits that benefit the city's neediest residents.

Additionally, Mayor Williams spoke of legislation he has introduced entitled the Way to Work Act of 2005 which will help the chronically unemployed get jobs and keep them. Quoting Dr. Martin Luther King's words, "We may have come in different ships, but we're in the same boat now," Mayor Williams challenged everyone to put aside our differences and focus on working together for the betterment of the District of Columbia.

About 30 members of the Asian and Pacific Islander community attended the event, and they applauded the Mayor's new initiatives and commitment.

Safety First

A community safety workshop was held for the Vietnamese Community on Monday, March 7, 2005 at the All Souls Church in Columbia Heights. Sponsored by the Mayor's **Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)**, Asian American LEAD, the Vietnamese Community Service Center (VCSC), and Boat People SOS, this workshop focused on crime victim assistance, domestic violence, and emergency preparedness, in addition to addressing a number of other safety concerns.



A MPD officer talks about the role and services provided by the Asian Liaison Unit.

Representatives from MPD, the Chinatown Service Center, the Domestic Violence Resource Project, Boat People SOS, and the DC Emergency Management Agency (DCEMA) gave presentations that further explained each of the safety areas and gave advice on what to do should an emergency occur. They also provided the contact information of specific DC agencies and organizations that provide assistance in these matters to residents should they require it.

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Hien Vu, Director of Vietnamese American Community Service Center makes a presentation.

The MPD Asian Liaison Unit was also present and emphasized their role as a link between MPD and the DC API residents, as well as the services they provide to serve this community. At the end of the workshop, a Question and Answer period was held to specifically address any safety concerns the Vietnamese residents had.

Vietnamese translators, provided by **OAPIA**, were on hand to allow for a greater understanding of the subjects presented, as all presentations were translated into Vietnamese. Translators also played an important role during the Q & A period, where they were able to help the residents better understand the presenters' answers to their questions.

For information regarding these safety issues of domestic violence, emergency preparedness, and crime victim assistance, please contact **OAPIA** at (202) 727-3120.



Lu Lan (right) from Chinatown Service Center promotes Crime Victims Assistance Partnership (CVAP).

Florida Market Workshop



On March 30, more than 40 business owners and residents from the Florida Market area attended the Florida Market Informational Workshop organized by the Mayor's **Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA)** in collaboration with the Korean American Business Association (KABA) and the H Street Community Development Corporation (HSCDC). The Workshop focused on providing information to and gathering feedback from merchants and residents about the development of the Florida Market area.



Councilmember Orange (center) talks about the development plan for the Florida Market area.



President of the Korean American Business Association (KABA), Garry Cha.

Speakers from various agencies presented information on current and future plans and projects for the overall development of the area. Councilmember Orange emphasized the importance of getting the community's input at this initial planning process. Representatives from the Office of Planning and the Department of Transportation discussed future road constructions and shared research findings about the development of the Florida Market area. Reporters from Korean newspapers were also present to report on the event. **OAPIA** plans to hold follow-up meetings with merchants and residents to collect their input on the planning of the area.



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Talk about Business with DCRA Director

In response to a community request, Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) facilitated a meeting between several Asian business community leaders and the Director of Department of Consumer Regulatory Affairs (DCRA), Patrick Canavan, to address some concerns facing the Asian business Community.

The main issues included: an increase of licensing fees for drycleaners, the lack of language versions of the drycleaner test, the lengthy processing time for obtaining a license/permit, and the lack of education on tenant responsibilities.

Director Canavan responded to these problems with openness and promised to provide tangible solutions in the near future. He also stressed DCRA's commitment to implementing the Language Access Act. After a productive discussion, DCRA laid out the following issues for follow up:

1. DCRA will improve its customer services and streamline the application process.
2. DCRA will review license/application fees in order to reflect different local jurisdictions.

3. DCRA will have translated forms available at its one-stop centers.
4. DCRA will improve communication by having business owners directly contact the Director for input, ideas, and concerns.

Representatives from the Asian business community who attended the meeting included: Tony Cheng (Chinatown Business Leader), Francey L. Youngberg (Consultant), Larry La (restaurant owner), Feng Li (Consultant, DC Chamber of Commerce), Gary Cha (President, KABA), David Shim (VP, KABA), William Hwang (VP, DC Drycleaners Association), Pat Hyok Yoon (President of DC Drycleaners Association) and a reporter from the Korea Times. Most of the attendees viewed the responsiveness of Director Canavan as a positive sign to strengthening the working relations between the Asian business community and DCRA. A follow up meeting is scheduled for either June or July.



DCRA Director, Patrick Canavan (left), meet with several representatives from the Asian business community.

Crime Victims Assistance Partnership



Lu Lan (left), Intake Specialist for Chinatown Service Center's Crime Victim Compensation Program, is taking in application for crime victim compensation.

There are many programs and services that Asian residents in DC have not tapped into, and the **Crime Victims Assistance Partnership (CVAP)** is certainly a great resource that comes needed when someone becomes a victim of crime.

What is the Crime Victims Assistance Partnership (CVAP)?

It is a community-government coalition program that seeks to educate, support and comfort victims of crime and their families. Services include educating the Asian Pacific American community about public safety, reporting crimes, applying for crime victim compensation, helping the community understand the criminal justice system, and cooperating with law enforcement. **CVAP** provides these services in various Asian languages, and all services to crime victims are free of charge.

Who is eligible for assistance?

Victims of crime, including murder, negligent homicide, certain types of assault, burglary, stalking, and threats are all eligible to take part in CVAP. The compensation covers victim's family or household members, guardians, dependents or survivors, and people

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who legally assume the obligation or voluntarily pay for a victim's expenses and other persons injured while attempting to assist a crime victim.



What types of expenses are covered?

? Crime-related medical and mental-health counseling bills ? Funeral and burial costs ? Wages, support, or services lost as a direct result of the crime ? The cost of cleaning a crime scene ? The replacement cost of clothing held as evidence ? Costs of temporary emergency food and housing not exceeding 120 days ? Costs of replacing doors, windows, locks or other items to secure the victim's home or other place of residence ? Cost of car rental while victim's or secondary victim's car is in police possession ? Moving expenses when necessary for health and safety ? Transportation expenses for victim or secondary victim to participate in the investigation, prosecution of the case, obtain medical, mental health or rehabilitation services or any other services required as a direct result of the crime

(* Secondary victim is a person with close ties to the victim or a person who witnessed the crime.)

The **CVAP**, led by Chinatown Service Center, is consisted of Boat People SOS-DC, Korean American Coalition-DC, Asian American & Pacific Islander Domestic Violence Resource Project (DVRP), Asian Pacific American Legal Resource Center, D.C. Crime Victim Compensation Office, Mayor's **Office of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs**, the Metropolitan Police Department (Asian Liaison Unit) and the U.S. Attorney's Office. For more information, please contact the following:

Lu Lan, Intake Specialist
Chinatown Service Center

Crime Victim Compensation Program
(202) 898-0061

900 Massachusetts Ave., NW, 4th Floor
Monday to Friday, 9 am to 5 pm



Message from the Director

As the District is preparing to celebrate the spring with a series of cherry blossom activities, we are delighted to provide you with this newsletter to update you on the issues that are important to the Asian and Pacific Islander community.

You may have attended or read about Mayor Williams's State of the District Address on March 21st. He outlined this administration's three priorities: lifting all communities, improving the city's infrastructures, and reducing taxes for all. In the next few weeks, I will attend community meetings to talk to you about the Mayor's vision for the city, his FY 2006 budget plan, and how they will help improve you and your family's quality of life as a member of the API community.

As we approach Asian Pacific American Heritage Month in May, we will also count on your ideas and suggestions to make this year's celebration another success.

Enjoy the spring!



Mayor Williams has proposed to the city Council regarding his *Fiscal Year 2006 Budget and Financial Plan: Lifting All Communities*. Here are the major initiatives the Mayor has proposed:

- * New Communities: Strengthening Vulnerable Neighborhoods
- * A Way to Work: Connecting District Residents to Jobs
- * Great Streets: Fostering Vibrant Neighborhood Economies
- * Bridges & Streets: Improving thoroughfares and Roads
- * City of Learning: More Support for Public Schools
- * Investing in Youth: Improving the Lives of Children
- * Health and Welfare: Providing Services for Vulnerable Residents
- * Tax Relief for ALL: Broad and Progressive \$94 million Tax Cuts

You can view the proposal in detail at dc.gov/mayor/budget_2006/index.shtm to share the Mayor's vision for our city and community.



FUNDING & RESOURCES

❑ **Grants Information Resource Center (GIRC) Special Announcement Strengthening Partners Initiative (SPI) Applications Now Available.** *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development (OPGD)* announces that applications are now available for the 2005-2006 SPI Class. SPI is a training opportunity for emerging nonprofit and faith-based organizations.



The one-year program is designed to help nonprofit professionals move their organizations to the next level of operations and service-delivery. Executive directors (or equivalent positions) from organizations located and providing direct services in DC may apply if the following conditions are met: incorporated in DC; 501(c)(3) status from the IRS; annual budget under \$500,000; desires professional and organizational growth; and has strong commitment to complete the 12 month program and attendance requirements.

The deadline for applications is June 30, 2005, at 5:00 p.m. Applications are available online at www.opgd.dc.gov. They also may be e-mailed, faxed, or picked-up from OPGD, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 200 South, Washington, DC. For additional information or to obtain the application, contact OPGD at (202) 727-8900.

❑ **Low Income Taxpayer Clinic Grant.** *Department of the Treasury* announces funds to as-

sist organizations providing: (1) Representation of low income taxpayers in controversies with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS), and/or (2) programs to inform individuals for whom English is a second language about their tax rights and responsibilities.



Eligible applicants include nonprofit organizations. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2005. Awards of up to 100,000 are available. For further information, contact Debra Chandler at (404) 338-8306 or LITCProgramOffice@irs.gov; or go to: <http://fedgrants.gov/Applicants/TREAS/IRS/Atlanta/TREAS-GRANTS-032005-002/Modification2.html>.

❑ **2005 Community Grant.** *The Beaumont Foundation of America* is dedicated to enriching the lives of individuals by providing technology to historically underserved schools and communities.

The 2005 Areas of Focus include: affordable housing; children's hospitals; college and university scholarship programs; faith-based initiatives; foster care and mentoring programs for children; homeless persons; people with disabilities; restart programs for released offenders; and senior citizens.

Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, independent school districts, special district governments, state governments, public, private, parochial, and charter

schools, as well as hospitals, and nonprofit organizations.

Online Letter of Intent (LOI) is due by April 22, 2005. Approximately \$350 million is available. For further information, contact The Beaumont Foundation of America at 1-866-546-2667; or go to: www.bmtfoundation.com.

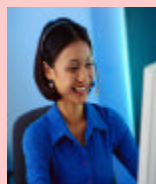
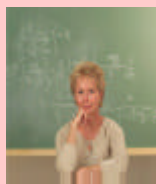
❑ **Strategic Planning for Nonprofits.** *The Enhanced Business Information Center (e-BIC) and Southeastern University's Center for Entrepreneurship* are offering a Strategic Planning training for nonprofits. The course will cover the differences between strategic plans and business plans for nonprofit organizations. Participants will also learn how to conduct S.W.O.T. and competitive analyses of their nonprofits. Topics in long and short range planning will also be addressed.

This free class will be taught by Telaekah Brooks, JD, from Southeastern University's Center for Entrepreneurship and will take place April 13, 6:00-9:00 p.m., at the e-BIC's Conference Room, MLK, Jr. Memorial Library, A Level, 901 G Street, across the street from Gallery Place and two blocks from Metro Center. Free parking is available in the library garage. For further information or to register, contact e-BIC at ebic@dc.gov or (202) 727-2241; or go to: <http://www.dclibrary.org/ebic/>.



Announcements

Bilingual/LEP Job Fair



Job opportunities for bilingual professionals as well as limited English Proficient (LEP) persons!

Monday, April 25, 2005; 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, Lower Level

901 G. St., NW, Washington, DC 20001

(Metro Stop: Gallery Place/Chinatown, 9th St. Exit)

- ☐ **Free career workshops**
- ☐ **On-site job interviews with selected vendors**
- ☐ **Bring copies of resumes**
- ☐ **Dress to impress**

****For the Chinese, Korean and Vietnamese version of this flier, please check out our website www.apia.dc.gov, click on "OAPIA Hosts Bilingual Job Fair" under APIA News.***



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per hour



For More Information Contact:

DC Department of Parks and Recreation
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3149 16th Street, NW
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Phone: 202-673-7603

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Email: dprsummer@dc.gov



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OPPORTUNITIES!**



Neil A. Stanley, Interim Director WWW.DPR.DC.GOV Anthony A. Williams, Mayor

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Community Language Interpreter Training Class

Are you bilingual ?

Do you interpret or translate for family or friends ?

Do you already have interpreting skills and want to freelance?

If so, this class is for you!

What is the class about?

- ◆ A 60-hour intensive interpreter training program
- ◆ A 10-hour internship. Shadow Master Interpreters on interpretation assignments
- ◆ Certificate of completion of 70 hrs Community Interpreting Training

When and Where?

- ◆ May 3rd to June 2nd, 2005
- ◆ Tue, Wed, & Thurs, 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm (**Hours subject to change**)
- ◆ Location for Class TBA
- ◆ Special Saturday Seminars sessions TBA

To Apply:

- ◆ Send your resume to rcarrillo@mcsdc.org or
- ◆ Fax your resume to (202) 238-9399, **and**
- ◆ Apply online at www.mcsdc.org, or request an application

[Apply Now !](#)

What's covered in the class?

- ◆ Types of Interpretation and Telephonic Interpretation
- ◆ Techniques of Interpreting
- ◆ Ethics of Interpreting
- ◆ Marketing Strategies
- ◆ Role of Culture in Interpretation
- ◆ Communication Skills

For further information, call (202) 238-9355

This program will be coordinated by MCS, a leader in the field of interpretation & translation services, in partnership with professional interpreting instructors from Cross-Cultural Communications, LLC

MCS Community Interpreting Training is funded through a Grant from The Mayor's Office of Latino Affairs (OLA)



MCS is located at the Josephine Butler Parks Center, 2437 15th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009